



TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 10512/41
Serial No. 10/666,924	Filing Date September 18, 2003	Examiner To Be Assigned	Group Art Unit 3747
Inventor(s) Everts et al.			
Title of Invention OPERATOR CARRIED POWER-TOOL HAVING A FOUR-CYCLE ENGINE AND AN ENGINE LUBRICATION METHOD			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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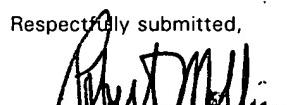
- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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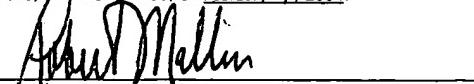
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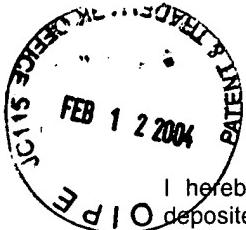
  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Everts et al. )  
Serial No. 10/666,924 ) Examiner: To Be Assigned  
Filing Date: September 18, 2003 ) Group Art Unit No. 3747  
For: OPERATOR CARRIED POWER- )  
TOOL HAVING A FOUR-CYCLE )  
ENGINE AND AN ENGINE )  
LUBRICATION METHOD )

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant has timely filed this Preliminary Amendment before the receipt of the first Office Action and by Certificate of Mailing. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to grant allowance of this Application in view of the following remarks and amended claims.

Please amend this application as follows: